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'Speak speak'

Incirlik Nighthawks learn
about nighttime missions

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On the cover:

Senior Airman Scott Layden, 39th security Forces Squadron member, briefs 1st Lt. Jeremy Russell, 39th Maintenance Squadron munitions accountable systems officer on the various weaponry issued by the armory. Lieutenant Russell visited the armory during as a part of his Combat Nighthawk duties. Combat Nighthawk is a way for Airmen to learn about what happens during nightshift operations. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. William Gomez)

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Building the DNA of an Airman

By Col. "Tip" Stinnette
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Americans hold members of the military in high regard. According to a Gallup poll June 2004, our military is the most trusted organization in America. This is good news but requires a daily commitment from each of us. It is formed from the very fiber of our core values and we must earn it every day. We need to be more than just good stewards of our assets and resources, we must continually build the DNA of our Airmen.

Building the DNA of an Airman is all about growing a leader. We increase by addition when we grow followers but we increase by multiplication when we grow leaders. Our ultimate sight picture calls for producing overwhelming but scaleable combat power. Our Airmen make that happen, be they aviators, maintainers, information operators, or the myriad of Airmen who support the mission in diverse but crucial ways. This is our cornerstone. In every decision we make, we should ask ourselves how our actions contribute to producing combat power and building the Airmen who make it happen.

No matter what your specialty skill or your position in the Air Force, we are all Airmen. We are the best trained and equipped to do the things related to the air, this point is what sets us apart. We are all relevant to the mission from flying and fixing jets to cooking meals, laying concrete, or nursing our sick. Each of us is an important part of the Air Force family.

Our first duty is to develop leaders — to bring people up in our organization and make them better than they were when they first joined. The adage "you have to be able to follow before you can lead" is true but to stop there and only build followers creates two categories of people, those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened. By creating leaders we develop the third category of people, those who make things happen.

Leaders who develop leaders want to be succeeded vice needed. Leaders who develop leaders focus on strength vice weakness. Leaders who develop leaders delegate



Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander

power vice hoarding it. Leaders who develop leaders invest their time in others.

We would rather have someone teach us their lessons learned than to go through the same school of hard knocks. Mentoring is just another word for leading. Mentoring is not telling someone what and how to do something but rather it is the act of passing on experience and making a concerted effort to sharpen skills. Mentoring is not singing *Kumbaya* around a camp fire but rather it is critical and constructive coaching that creates an environment in which people can succeed.

Good coaching is a full contact sport, a unique and cooperative effort that often changes the course of a person's career and if done especially well, sometimes their life. Every person is different and there is no cookie-cutter approach to coaching or leading. Leadership is all about setting the conditions and environment necessary to building the DNA of the Airmen that America holds in such high regard ... it is about courage, conviction, and communication!

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Photo by Airman Dawn Duman

Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander, (in sidecar) and Tech. Sgt. David Small, 39th Maintenance Squadron aircraft structures and metals section chief, get geared up and ready to go for a Combat Proud inspection of the base perimeter.

Action Line

Airman worried about safety near base perimeter

Q I would like to address a problem that has been overlooked – the safety of those of us who live on the perimeter of the base. My backyard is so close to the train tracks that they may as well run right through it.

Apparently there was an individual seen throwing something off the train, over the fence in Phantom and was picked up by "a tall skinny man with a gray shirt and multi colored shorts." Anyone on that train, or in the fields, can easily throw something into many of our backyards.

Are there any plans to build a brick or cement protection wall to assist the chain link fence, or perhaps replace the windows with bullet proof glass on the back side of our houses? This base has been in an elevated force protection condition for over two years; there is obviously a need to ensure the safest environment possible.

A Thank you for bringing up one of our most important issues – the safety of our military families. The

antiterrorism and force protection office works very closely with the Turkish Air Force to ensure the security of our perimeter.

The incident you mentioned was witnessed by a Turkish Air Force guard in a tower on the perimeter and then reported to security forces. The 39th Civil Engineer Squadron is looking into the possibility of building a higher fence in sections of Phantom housing where the train tracks are very close to the perimeter. Future housing construction projects will include significant stand-off distances between the perimeter and base housing.

Additionally, there are six antiterrorism and force protection sirens installed throughout the perimeter portion of Phantom housing. If you see anything suspicious, please utilize those sirens or call 911 immediately.

Thank you for bringing up this important issue; we will do everything we can to ensure the safety of you and your family.

YOUR TURN

What is your hobby and why?

"I like reading because it is enjoyable."

– **Selina Moorer**, 39th Services Squadron



"My hobby is traveling and seeing historic things."

– **Airman 1st Class Chris Thibado**, 39th Security Forces Squadron



"My hobby is volunteer work, working with kids and traveling."

– **Wiyada Lee**, 39th SVS



"Taking care of my kids and raising them to be good citizens."

– **Tech. Sgt. Ron Miller**, 39th Maintenance Squadron



"My hobby is shopping because it gets me new clothes."

– **Airman Jessica Harvey**, 39th Mission Support Squadron



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

Incirlik announces August promotees

The following August selectees will be promoted during a wing promotion ceremony at 3:30 p.m. today at the club.

♦ To airman:

Joshua Rochowiak, 39th Maintenance Squadron

♦ To airman 1st class:

Ashley Garcia, 39th Medical Squadron; **Britani Rafferty**, 39th Communications Squadron; **Joshua Arnold**, 39th Security Forces Squadron; **Jamon Nelson**, 39th SFS; **Jason Foley**, 39th SFS; **Elliot Glass**, 39th MXS

♦ To senior airman:

Amanda Yaprak, 728th Air Mobility Squadron; **Jarred Riddle** 39th MDS; **Ryan McDaniel**, 425th Air Base Squadron, Izmir, Turkey; **Lynnette Ras**, 39th Air Base Wing; **Christopher Thibado**, 39th SFS; **Chad Stewart**, 39th SFS; **Joseph Verburgt**, 728th AMS; **Justin Nutter**, 39 SFS; **Omar Ocampoayala**, 39th SFS;

Kenneth Human 425th ABS; **Douglas Karaffa**, 728th AMS

♦ To staff sergeant:

Richard Williams 39th MXS; **Michael Moralez**, 728th AMS; **Nicholas Garcia**, 39th MXS; **Jessica Darby**, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Paul Davis**, 39th SFS; **Nancy Mirandavega**, 39th MDS; **Steven Lau**, 39th CS; **Sabrina White**, 39th SFS

♦ To technical sergeant:

Christopher Gibney, 728th AMS; **Lucas Dechant**, 39th MXS; **Sherry Gibbs**, 728th AMS; **Lakiesha Toney**, 39th MDS; **Lanecia Hoover**, 39th LRS; **John Overturf**, 728th AMS; **Kelly Rubert** 39th MDS; **Julie Vanhise**, 39th MXS; **Christopher Vanhise**, 39th MXS; **Steve Thompson**, 39th CS; **Ted Beveridge**, 39th CS; **Matthew Gonzales**, 728th AMS

♦ To master sergeant:

Kent Troyer, 39th MXS; **Brian Lewis**, 39th

SFS; **Steven Mullins**, 39th CS; **Cheryl Moye**, 728th AMS; **Anthony Cruz-Munoz**, 39th Mission Support Squadron; **Christopher Vansile**, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Teresa Steele** 728th AMS; **Brian Blair**, 39th CS; **Edwin Lamboy**, 39th ABW; **Robert Wagner**, 39th MXS; **Kenneth Bogner**, 39th MDS; **Roy King**, 425th ABS; **Jeffery Persinger**, 425th ABS

♦ To senior master sergeant:

Jimmie Wilks, 39th LRS; **Julie Layton**, 39th CS; **Shelina Frey**, 39th Operations Squadron; **Kenneth Moore**, 728th AMS

♦ To 1st lieutenant:

William Bridgham, 39th OS

♦ To major:

Andrea Miller, 39th MSS; **Jeffrey Atkission**, 39th MDS

♦ To lieutenant colonel

Paul Bugenske, 39th CS

Incirlik consolidated club rejuvenates dining experience

By 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The Incirlik Consolidated Club's dining room closed July 22 to make necessary changes after it recently awarded the contract to a local company to cater food production.

"The new chefs in town will offer some of the base's tried and true favorites, American classics and various traditional Turkish dishes when the dining room reopens Aug. 12," said Maj. Mike Platt, 39th Services Squadron commander. "The new contractor was the previous owner of Pronto's, a favorite American-style restaurant in downtown Adana."

Just because the dining room is closed does not mean other services of the club will suffer, said Major Platt. The cashier's cage, both lounges, Information, Tickets and Travel (Talay Tours), and slot machine lounges will continue to operate under normal hours.

"Because we know the two-week closure inconveniences our customers, club members will receive a \$20 club coupon as a token of our appreciation for your support and patience," he said. "This will be redeemable from the grand opening until the end of the year."

Major Platt reminds everyone that while the dining room is prepping for a grand opening under the new chefs, the staff may not be able to support all special events. But, they will do their best and if there are any questions, call 6-6101.

"This project will not only benefit our taste buds but will help boost the local economy as well since there will be more employees available to work under the new contractor's provisions," said Major Platt. "That means more personalized service during your dining experience at the club."

"I am looking forward to the grand opening," said Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander. "I was deployed here a few years ago and really enjoyed the Turkish food and hospitality. I can't imagine I will be disappointed with either when the club reopens in August."



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Soccer star

Capt. Teresa Lord, 39th Mission Support Group geographically separated unit support chief and Incirlik Women's Soccer Team member, works on her technique during practice. The team meets 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the high school soccer field and Fridays at the fitness center. For more information, call Stephanie Moore at 6-6810.

Incirlik gets mysterious during national celebration NEWS

By 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

It is one of the few things every living human being has in common. Some remember their's as a happy time, some suppress the memory at all costs, but Americans throughout the world – including those stationed at bases overseas — will celebrate childhood Aug. 7.

Since its inception in 2001, National Kid's Day has been held the first Sunday in August as a special recognition to celebrate childhood by providing an opportunity to adults and children to play and spend quality time together.

Incirlik Air Base is planning to do just that Aug. 7 as the youth center sponsors a mystery dinner theater at the community activity center from 4 to 6 p.m. to celebrate the annually held event.

"Children of all ages are invited," said Jeannie Gooch, youth center director. "We will be serving spaghetti, garlic bread, drinks and dessert free to the children and for \$5 for the rest of the household."

While guests are eating, a special cast of eight will perform a "who-dunit" style show involving audience participation.

"I play a kid who delivers things," said Aleta Shaheen, 17, daughter of Maj. John Shaheen, 39th Medical Squadron. "What I deliver is a mystery. That's why you have to come see the show."

What is not a mystery is how national Kid's Day has helped shape the way American's have begun to honor children, said Ms. Gooch. Prior to 2001, there were days to celebrate mothers, fathers, grandparents, secretaries, bosses and teachers but not one specifically for chil-

dren. She also notes that several other bases will be hosting events as well.

"This celebration may not be a national holiday — yet," she said. "But, we are celebrating it like it was. In fact, some cities back in the states are going all out with festivals and parties. And why? Because our children need to know they are important and loved."

"We've got to get kids off to the right start in life," said Tom Menino, Mayor of Boston during the National Kid's Day celebration in Massachusetts. "Events like this really pinpoint the importance of having role models and parents who care. That's what this is all about — nurturing young people to have a better future."

There are celebrations everywhere, he said. Ft. Rucker, Alabama, will hold an open house. Boston will have "Build Your Family Tree." And Naval Station, Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, Louisiana, has a barbecue feast and youth to face painting and slip-n-slide rides planned.

"These are typical National Kid's Day events and they are really great," said Ms. Gooch. "But we wanted to do something more. Not only is the mystery dinner theater going to be fun, we have made it free for kids and really inexpensive for parents. So, there is no reason not to bring the whole family to the community activity center for dinner and a show. You can show your children you appreciate them and have fun doing it which is what the celebration is all about."

The cost for adults is \$5 per family (up to two adults per family). The dinner will consist of spaghetti, vegetable, garlic bread, drink and dessert. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Ms. Gooch at 6-3256.

USAFE civilian personnel servicing moves to AFPC Web site

By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Culbertson

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) — U.S. Air Forces in Europe family members looking for employment have a centralized site for handling civilian personnel servicing since civilian personnel operations move July 10.

The move was part of the Air Force's long-term plan to streamline operations by having the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, handle all civilian personnel servicing.

"This (move) is a good thing because it gives our customers one central site when they look for employment," said John Steenbock, USAFE civilian personnel and personnel resources chief. "When they log onto the AFPC Web site, they can find out about the employment opportunities not only at their current location, but all of USAFE and the Air Force."

Currently, USAFE base civilian personnel flights are filling in as the "transactional arms" of civilian personnel servicing.

The flights have managed local recruitment efforts since the Regional Personnel Center closed in March, said Veronica Hinton, USAFE's U.S. staffing program manager. After

the move, these processes will be handled by officials at AFPC, she said.

The initiative is not new. Since 1996, 80 bases, including those within Pacific Air Forces, have turned over their services.

Officials at Randolph work shifts to accommodate the needs of Pacific-based employees and will do the same for those in Europe, Ms. Hinton said.

"The people working at AFPC are experts on civilian personnel issues, and now we are going to let them take on some of our workload," she said.

The move allows base-level civilian personnel flights to focus more on management advisory services.

"Relocating backroom services to AFPC allows base personnelists to become strategic advisers rather than transactional processors," she said.

Base-level flights will still provide face-to-face interaction to ensure quality customer service in many areas including in- and outprocessing, training, equal employment opportunity, and overseas benefits and allowances.

The effect on current civilian employees, most of whom already use the AFPC automated tools online, should be minimal, Ms. Hinton

said.

"They are already using the system on a regular basis, so this move shouldn't affect them," she said.

The most significant change was to procedures for hiring employees locally and family member recruitment programs, she said. Rather than a manual, in-person application process, prospective employees will now use an automated, Web-based system located at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/menu/staticnav-civ.htm.

The Web-based system should prove advantageous to many people, Ms. Hinton said.

"Instead of continually driving to base to seek employment, our employees and family members will be empowered to take control of their own careers," she said. "They will have all the information necessary to search, apply and check the status of jobs they are interested in, right from their home computer." Even though the change does not take place until July, family members can use the new process now.

"Family members who are interested in applying through civilian personnel for a job shouldn't shy away from the new process," Ms. Hinton said. "It's an easy and efficient system once employees start to use it."

We all scream for ice cream ...

New service brings 'touch of home' to Incirlik

By Senior Airman Stephanie Hammer
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

An ice cream truck recently started delivering sweet treats to those who live in base housing.

The truck travels to every neighborhood seven days a week from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and an extra route Saturdays and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The new service, offered by the 39th Services Squadron, began with an idea and a trip to the dump.

"We were sitting around trying to think of things to do for the summer to bring some happiness to the kids when the idea came about," said Vicky Haskins, 39th SVS Family Member Program Flight chief.

Mrs. Haskins started figuring out how to make this idea reality. She began by looking at DRMO for a used truck and said she got lucky when she found one that fit the bill. From there, a freezer was installed that operates off a generator and the music, signs and stickers to decorate the truck came from the United States.

"It really became a comedy trying to figure out how to get all this done in such a short amount of time," said Mrs. Haskins.

But, through the laughs, they found a way to get the truck ready for business and it has been running since the second week of June and will continue through mid-September. The truck is manned by one driver and volunteers to help distribute the ice cream to the children.

"I thought it was an interesting job," said Tech. Sgt. Gary Dayton, 39th Communications Squadron ground radio maintenance NCO in charge, who drives the truck. "It gives people a little more taste of home and puts a smile on their faces. I'm just glad that I have the opportunity to bolster more morale in the community by providing this service."

"This has really been so much fun," added Mrs. Haskins. "Whole



Photo by Tech. Sgt. William Gomez

Sabine Dayton, 39th Services ice cream truck volunteer, sells ice cream bars to Monterio Moore and Trevor Tague (left to right).

families and neighborhoods come out just to see us. The music becomes a familiar sound and you will see the kids cutting through houses and yards to catch you.

"The parents are constantly thanking you," she continued. "They experienced this as kids and now their children can, too."

The service also includes an alternate means of payment. Parents can buy paper money, or coupons, through the community activity center that children can use in the place of real money to pay for the ice cream.

The truck is also available for any large functions on base. To request the ice cream truck service, or for more information, call Mrs. Haskins at 6-6689.

Full service

Tech. Sgt. Scott Cole, 172nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Thompson Field Miss., hydraulics systems technician, here with the Air National Guard on temporary duty supporting cargo hub operations at Incirlik, checks the tire air pressure on a C-17.



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

IN THE NEWS

WICO closed

The Women Infants and Children Overseas office is closed until Aug. 30. For emergencies, call the regional office at DSN 226-9016.

Finance cashier cage

The finance cashier's cage operating hours are 9 to 11 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The check cashing limit is \$1,500 per family per week. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Andre Thomas at 6-3204.

NCO Academy instructor

Kisling NCO Academy is looking for two technical sergeants for instructors with a report date of January 2006. Mail application to Kisling NCO Academy USAFE/PME Unit 3345 Box 570 APO, AE 09094-5570. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Karl Ohrn at 6-6502.

AFIT opportunity

For non-rated lieutenants and captains, the National Reconnaissance Office is soliciting candidates for advanced education opportunities. For more information, call Frank DiNatale at 6-3211.

Air Force Ball fundraiser

Incirlik 50th anniversary lithographs and coins are on sale every weekend until Sept. 3 at the base exchange. The funds will be used to support the Incirlik Air Force Ball in September.

Lithographs available

The 39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs office has lithographs of the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II, Tuskegee Airmen and others available. Come by the PA office in building 833 during normal duty hours to pick up a copy for government offices.

Sports physicals

Appointments are available in the pediatric clinic every Thursday afternoon, except the third Thursday of every month, through the end of August. For more information or to make an appointment, call 6-6173 or 6-6174.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Bradley Lail

Joshua Hayes, 15, son of Vic Hayes, 39th Services Squadron deputy, dribbles past an opponent. Operation Night Hoops teaches participants about competition, sportsmanship and the basics of basketball.

Hoopin' at night

Program teaches sportsmanship, competition

By Myles Hayes

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

It is the fourth quarter and both teams are exhausted from 38 minutes of constant hustle and intense defense. The game is tied with 10 seconds left on the clock.

A little boy, not even big enough to ride the rollercoasters at an amusement park, dribbles the ball down the court as fast as he can. Avoiding defenders, he hangs his tongue out of his mouth, mimicking his favorite basketball superstar.

With only two seconds on the clock, the boy jumps and shoots the ball toward the rim. The ball floats through the air for what seems like an eternity and it finally hits the rim. It bounces, bounces, and it falls...

"It is a very exciting time of year for the kids that participate in Night Hoops," said Selina Moorer, coordinator of Operation Night Hoops. "The kids play hard and they are very fun to watch."

Operation Night Hoops is for kids interested in playing basketball and learning the basic fundamentals of the game.

There are three teams in the league, red, green and gray. Each team has about ten boys and girls from ages 13 to 18-years-old. Though the numbers are small, the participants approach each game with anticipation and urgency.

"I look forward to every weekend, so I can show everyone the skills I have learned

and the games are fun," said Caleb Hayes, 12, a guard for the red team.

Although sportsmanship and fair play is stressed to the participants, competition and playing to win is also very important.

"The games are very competitive so each team has experienced the joy of winning and has experienced defeat," said Mrs. Moorer.

Through eight games this season, the red team has a record of six and two, the green team is four and four and the gray team is two and six. The red team is led by point guard Josh Hayes. Hayes leads the league in total points with 182, has 39 steals and 25 assists. The green team is led by their "big man in the middle" Kris Roeske. Roeske leads the league in total blocks with 23 and grabbed 111 rebounds.

The gray team provides the most team balance with points, rebounds and steals equally distributed. However, Terrence Young leads the team in all three categories with 105 points, 80 rebounds and 17 steals.

The games are held Fridays and Saturdays at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Because there are only three teams in the league, one team will play two games a night.

"Sometimes the kids have difficulty with the two games in the same night, but they always give their best effort," said Mrs. Moorer.

The season runs through Aug. 12 when a tournament will determine the Night Hoops champion.

Combat Nighthawk: Bird brain not a bad thing

By Capt. Denise Burnham
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Once per week a pre-selected group of three individuals act like birds. Night Hawks are social birds that travel all over America, Canada, the Bahamas and various parts of the world. They are nocturnal, swift, intelligent and always on the look out for danger.

Combat Nighthawk is a Combat and Special Interest Program practiced here weekly to educate company grade officers, senior noncommissioned officers and junior NCOs about the nighttime activities of organizations within the 39th Air Base Wing and its tenant units.

The command-wide program was developed by Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, U. S. Air Forces in Europe commander, to help daytime workers understand shift worker's contributions to the overall mission.

In fact, this program is so similar to the Night Hawk bird it mirrors the bird's call tone, "speek, speek." This sounds like the word "speak" to the Combat Nighthawk team as they encourage people to tell them about their jobs.

"I've done it three times," said Master Sgt. Jacqueline Chin-Wilson, 39th Air Base Wing deputy inspector general, "The first time I did it, it was very upbeat, and I enjoyed visiting and conversing with the troops, letting them know that we appreciate their hard work and sacrifices."

The program started in 2004 as a leadership development and career-broadening program designed to give a broader perspective on the roles of various squadron's missions within USAFE.

Many willing participants consider Combat Nighthawk a good general orientation to the base's mission. The program is managed by Maj. Bryan Gillespie, 39th Security Forces Squadron commander.

"Combat Night Hawk was designed to develop leadership skills and increase operational awareness among CGOs and NCOs by breaking down functional stovepipes while providing leadership opportunities, said Maj. Gillespie. "Unlike what a lot of folks think this program is not designed to 'check up' on the night shift. The intent is to introduce Airmen to all facets of an operational Air Force base and to increase interaction across specialties."

Combat Nighthawk serves a number of purposes; one, it is a great way for CGOs and NCOs to network with people in other Air Force Specialty Codes, said 1st Lt. Yon Dugger, Combat Nighthawk project officer. Second, it gets dayshift workers out of their environment to show them that while they are at home asleep there is a whole group of people doing their job to keep the mission at Incirlik going.

Before heading out on a mission, the Nighthawk team assembles at the command post where one delegate picks up a vehicle and another picks up a checklist, afterward all three head out to visit the nighttime operations on base.

"The most beneficial part of my experience was visiting the 39th Security Forces Squadron guard mount," said Sergeant Wilson. "Those guys are out there working all kinds of hours. It was good to see they are being taken care of."

The group takes time to talk the troops and asks them questions about their unit's specific contributions to the base's overall mission.

"I brief them about everything to do with the fitness center," said Staff Sgt. Joie Armstrong, fitness center assistant NCO in charge of



Photo by Tech. Sgt. William Gomez

1st Lt. Jeremy Russell, 39th Maintenance Squadron munitions accountable system officer, and Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Shanks, 39th Operations Squadron air traffic controller, try on full security forces gear and learn about 39th Security Forces Squadron operations during their Combat Nighthawk tour Wednesday.

operations. "I let them know about aerobics classes, intramural sporting events, the weight room, massage therapy and whatever else is going on."

"I believe it's a good thing to get out on the night shift and see what the rest of the troops are doing, and gain an appreciation for what they are doing during those odd hours of the night," said Master Sgt. Rowena Benitez-Clark, 39th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant. "For me, it's the fact they know someone is taking an interest not only in their job, but their well-being. Back in the day, this was something that did not happen."

The team normally receives briefings from such units as law enforcement, fitness center, dining hall, air traffic control, hospital, weather and the passenger terminal.

"We give the Combat Nighthawk team a Space-A briefing," said Staff Sgt. Adena Eberhart, 728th Air Mobility Squadron Passenger Terminal nightshift supervisor. "We show them our security process by showing them our X-ray machine and metal detector. But most importantly, we tell them about our numbers supporting the down-range mission. Everyone coming or going downrange (on the Patriot Express) stops through here."

"The Combat Nighthawk program is a reportable CSIP metric each month," said Lieutenant Dugger. "The target number for CGOs and NCOs is 79 for the fiscal year."

Each individual who participates in the Combat Nighthawk program has their own opinion, but most agree that it's exciting to see how the other half lives and works.

"I had a great time and learned a lot about the units that I don't see on a daily basis," said Capt. Justin Golart, 39th Air Base Wing executive officer. "Plus the briefers got a break in the evening and a chance to show their stuff. That's a success in my book."

If you know someone who considers themselves a Night Hawk or if you know someone who would like to learn about the program in general, call Lieutenant Dugger, 6-3072.



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, Host Nation Adviser

Vehicle Registration

Question: I shipped a vehicle from my last base and it has not arrived yet. Pass and identification gave me a detailed package about how to register my car. The package mentions a liaison fee of \$50 in addition to all other fees and charges. Do I have to pay that liaison fee? Can I go ahead and register my own vehicle?

Response: Pass and identification has a detailed package for vehicle registration and deregistration and people may register or deregister their own vehicles. The package clarifies that you pay the \$50 liaison fee if a liaison is used.

For vehicle registration, people should have at least five different forms all filled and ready for the officials to sign and stamp. The bad thing is that all the process is not done at the same office or the same building. The traffic registration bureau, tax bureau, vehicle inspection station and drivers' association are offices people need to visit and are not close to each other.

When you think of being new in a foreign country, not knowing the culture and the language barrier, it can be daunting.

The Adana Traffic Bureau official states that a total of 254,000 motor vehicles are registered in Adana and they process between 250 and 300 vehicle's paper work daily, which adds up to 5,000 to 6,000 monthly. They try very hard to help their customers, but due to the increasing number of motor vehicles, their work load becomes heavier each day.

Tuncer Gokkan, known as "Mr. T," in the 39th Security Forces Squadron pass and identification office, said that they process about 50 to 60 vehicle registrations and the same number of deregistrations per month.

Anybody registering a vehicle, Turkish or foreigner, pays between six and eight different fees in various amounts. The fees are the same amount for everybody, Turkish or non-Turkish. Mr. Gokkan, who has been working on base for more than 40 years, says the fees change at the beginning of every year. He also added the fees are subject to change at any time of the year depending on the decision of the Turkish government.

Due to the red tape and time consuming



There is a great deal of paperwork associated with registering a vehicle. The pass and registration offers a liaison to help with the process. File photo

lines here and there, about 50 percent of Turkish people choose to have a liaison to process their paper work at the traffic registration bureau. In addition to the same fees the Americans pay, the Turkish nationals go to a notary and give power of attorney to the liaison person. Americans don't have to do this step.

The \$50 liaison fee pays for the inspector to check emissions and condition of the car at Delta Motor Vehicle Process Center, and an expediter to pick up the paperwork from pass and registration, physically walk the paperwork through the registration process, retrieve license plates and bring all required item to pass and registration for the customer.

The liaison fee for deregistration is \$20. The liaison for the pass and registration is Bulent Agan and he has been the liaison for the pass and registration for more than a decade. During deregistration, if a person has an outstanding fine at the traffic bureau, Mr. Agan lets them know about it. Without paying that fine, a person cannot complete deregistration.

Baggy pants

Question: Mehmet, I was wondering about the baggy pants worn by some Turkish men and women. Please tell me about them.

Response: Those pants are called salvar, pronounced as "shul-vahr." They are one of the most practical garments ever designed. They are worn in every region, and each region has its own design and

special cut to meet the daily requirements of people's work.

Before elastic became common here, ties were threaded through the ankle casings to gather the folds of material. Even the ties used to gather the waist of the salvar vary in each region. In Alanya on the Mediterranean Sea, the ties for men are often hand-woven, brightly-striped, raw-silk sashes.

The actual construction of the salvar reflects the nature of the people and embodies the Turkish sense of thrift and economy. It's interesting to note that salvar invariably takes four meters of cloth to make, which is 40 centimeters wide. There is little cutting or seaming, and like the Konya style of salvar, there are no side seams.

Today salvar is worn mostly by villagers, maids and some housewives while cleaning house due to the comfort they give to the wearer and the easiness in getting them on.

As you know, it's hot and humid in summer. The size and shape of salvar allows air circulation and helps reduce perspiration. While working in fields, kneeling and bending is done easily in these pants.

In recent years, salvar has become an item given as a souvenir. It is generally called "seven days pants" by Americans.

If you do not have a pair yet, at least try one to feel its comfort.

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

USAFE youth ‘camp’ out, have fun in space

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Austin Carter
425th Air Base Squadron

IZMIR AIR BASE, Turkey – Historically, summer camp is about how to tie a knot, build a fire or learn how to kayak down a river without a compass. But for some U.S. Air Forces in Europe youngsters from Ankara and Incirlik Air Bases, Turkey, learning about zero gravity, flight control and pounds of thrust for a solid rocket motor in a six-day space camp in Izmir, Turkey, easily eclipses their everyday life.

For the last five years, the space camp, established in 2000 just outside of Izmir in an industrial area, has offered young people from around the world a glimpse of the science and glamour of the space program.

Sixteen children from Ankara and Incirlik joined 70 other children from Turkey, Israel, France and Lebanon, July 10-16, for the camp, which, for the American children, was fully funded by the USAFE Services’ summer camp program.

“It’s an international mix here at the camp,” said Scott Woodham, marketing and public relations director at the camp. “That’s part of (the reason) why people come here.”

For Clark Della Silva, 13, from Ankara, the allure is a mix of science and international friendships.

“It’s an opportunity to meet all nationalities and to learn and have fun with space and science,” he said.

A normal day’s itinerary could entail a class in hydroponics, the process of recycling oxygen in a long interplanetary flight and a historic look at the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs, with maybe a course in rocket engineering thrown in for good measure.

The center, one of only five accredited in the world, had a full itinerary for the children for the six days, including lectures, classes and seminars.

But the most fun, many of the children will tell you, is the simulators – seven machines taken from prototypes from the early space program – guaranteed to make riders feel the effects of space, where the earth’s immutable laws of gravity and friction can find no purchase. Their carnival-like names sound like an invitation to the county fair: The “Zero Gravity Chair” (weightlessness using counterweight buoyancy); the “Multi-Access Trainer” (testing the effects of tumble and spin on pilots and how to compensate); and the “Five Degrees of Freedom” (trying to work in a frictionless world) for instance.

The final highlight is when teams, made up of 10 to 12 children



Lorenzo Hernandez, 10, son of Master Sgt. Fernando Hernandez, 39th Maintenance Group quality assurance superintendent, experiences what it would be like in space with the Zero Gravity Chair. Hernandez attended Space Camp at Izmir, Turkey.

each, split and either take seats in the simulated nose of the shuttle in the space camp’s auditorium or at the flight control center to guide the astronauts’ launch and landing.

“It isn’t that we want the children to be astronauts,” said Audrey Morelli, a counselor at the center. “We know most of them are not interested in that. We’re just interested in showing them an experience in something they’ve never seen before. And we think it encourages interest in math and the sciences.”

Clark, who has been to the space camp three times, was enthusiastic about the science connection.

“I love engineering, math and science, so I will probably go into one of those fields,” he said.

Ultimately, said Beth Mitchell, the camp’s program adviser, the aim is not making children dizzy – it’s about something more important.

“These kids get a sense of team-building, independence and global friendship,” she said. “And we’re opening minds to space sciences.”

More than 40,000 children have attended space camp at Izmir since it opened five years ago and she said the concept seems to have worked. The camp has brought together diverse cultures from the Middle East, America and Eastern Europe using the common thread of space to lure them.

Ten-year-old Lorenzo Hernandez of Incirlik, with an interest in physics, summed it up best when he was being readied for a ride on the Zero Gravity Chair. “This is a lotta fun.”

Space facts

- The gravitational pull of a black hole is so powerful that even light cannot escape from it.
- The greater the star’s mass, the shorter its lifecycle.
- The Sun’s gravitational pull is so strong that a 100 pound person would weigh 28 times that, or 2800 pounds, on the Sun.
- Astronauts can take a small number of things with them on a mission. They have carried all sorts of things — coins, stamps, even a corned beef sandwich.
- In one second, a typical quasar releases enough energy to satisfy the electrical energy needs of Earth for the next billion years. (Courtesy kids.msfc.nasa.gov)

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Golf events

The Wilson Handicap outing is 8 a.m. Saturday. Entry fee is \$10. For more information, call 6-8995.

Mystery Theater

There will be a mystery dinner theater from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Community Activity Center in celebration of National Kid's Day. The cost for children (17-years-old and younger) is free with adults paying \$5 per family. For more information, call 6-3256.

Youth Center happenings

The youth center is hosting several events throughout the month of August: an "amazing race," scavenger hunt and others. There are also on-going classes and workshops in drama, dance, watercolor art, journalism and photography available for children.

The "fear factor" challenge is 7 p.m. Aug. 17 for all teens and preteens. The cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members.

The back to school lock-in is 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Aug. 19. The lock-in is open to all teens and preteens. Cost is \$20 for youth center members and \$25 for non-members. For more information, call 6-3256.

Pee-wee soccer camp is Aug. 8 through 12 for children age 3 to 5. Registration is taking place now. For more information on any of these events, call Jeannie Gooch at 6-6670.

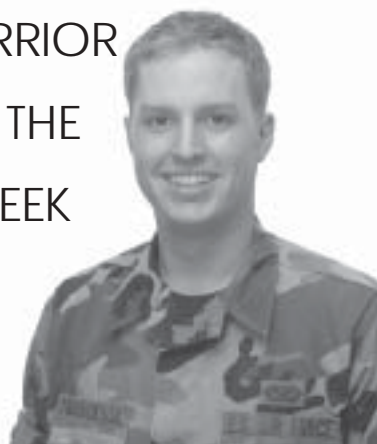
PADI Scuba

Professional Association of Driving Instructors is offering a variety of classes, course dates are flexible. For more information, call 6-6044.

Customer Appreciation Meal

The Sultan's Inn customer appreciation meal will be at 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Aug. 25 at the Sultan's Inn. All military personnel are invited to attend. For more information, call 6-3253.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Senior Airman Kyle Hendrickson

39th Civil Engineer Squadron
Full Spectrum Threat Response Plans and
Operations technician

Time in service: Three years and 10 months

Hometown: Grand Rapids, Mich.

Time on station: 21 months

Hobbies: Traveling, reading and participating in Bad News Bears softball

Why did you join the Air Force?

I saw where the lives my friends were leading after high school and I did not want to end up like they were going to, so I decided to get out and make something of myself.

What do you like the most about Incirlik?

I like the fact that I can travel and see things I may never get the chance to see again.

How do you contribute to the mission?

I write and coordinate base operating plans, train the wing to survive and operate in a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and conventional explosive environment, and respond to and facilitate command and control in any number of contingency operations.

What is your favorite motto and why?

"Excuses are the nails that built the house of failure." It reminds me that anything can be accomplished if you only put forth the effort.

What Air Force core value best describes you and why?

"Excellence in all you do." If you are going to do something, it is best to do it right the first time.

Supervisor's quote:

"Kyle is an extremely sharp readiness troop," said 1st Lt. Maurice Harris, 39th CES officer in charge of plans and operations.

"He is a valuable asset to the squadron and the wing. His unique knowledge and insight in and outside the office helps us all do better. He commits to squadron and wing events through outstanding volunteerism."



Facial flora

Cricket Kennebrae, military spouse, gets a flower painted on her face by Wiyada Lee, community center director, during the community center's family fun night Monday. The event offers parents a chance to get and do things with their children. For more information on the Family Fun Night, call the community center at 6-6966.



For Sale: 2004 VW Jetta 1.8T, Auto/tiptronic trans, power everything, sunroof, tinted windows, 16K miles. Asking for \$22,000 OBO. For more information, call 6-5198.

For Sale: Female Doberman. 18 months old, all shots current. Housebroken, children friendly, not fixed. \$1,000 OBO to a good home. For more information, call Charlie at 05448538825.



Photos by Airman Dawn Duman

Expanding minds, bodies and souls

(Left) Jessica Sowder, 9, plays Billard's Can In the Middle, a modified pool game, during Triple Play at the youth center. (Above) Lizzie Cauthen, 9, plays a game during Triple play at the youth center. Triple play works on expanding youth's minds bodies and souls through classes on nutrition, physical activity and social interaction. For more information, call the youth center at 6-6670.

COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Project Wizard

The library is hosting a Medieval Fair Tuesday to conclude the summer reading program for anyone willing to share medieval related skills or talents. For more information, call 6-6759.

Combat Touch happenings

Mid-week Bible Study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 6-2188.

Intercessory prayer group is 8 a.m. Saturdays at the chapel. For more information, call 6-2188.

Hours for **Sunday worship services** at the base chapel in building 945 are:

Protestant:

8 a.m. – Traditional worship service

11:15 a.m. – Gospel worship service

6 p.m. Contemporary service

Catholic:

9 a.m. – Reconciliation

9:30 a.m. – Mass

Daily Mass is 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

The chapel also has points of contact for Jewish, Wiccan and Jehovah's Witness. For these and any other faiths, call the base chapel at 6-6441.



AT THE OASIS

Today

7 p.m. – The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (PG) (1st run) – Starring Amber Tamblyn and America Ferrara. Four best friends spend their first summer apart from one another; they share a magical pair of jeans. To keep in touch they pass these pants to each other as well as the adventures they are going through. (120 minutes)

9:15 p.m. – Unleashed (R) – Starring Jet Li and Morgan Freeman. Danny has been kept as a near prisoner by his "Uncle" Bart. Since boyhood; trained to attack and, if necessary, kill. Danny knows little of life, except the brutal existence that Bart has fashioned for him. (103 minutes)

Saturday

5 p.m. – The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (PG) (1st run) – Starring Amber Tamblyn and America Ferrara. (120 minutes)

7:30 p.m. – Unleashed (R) – Starring Jet Li and Morgan Freeman. (103 minutes)

Sunday

7 p.m. – Kingdom of Heaven – Starring

Orlando Bloom and Eva Green. Balian is mourning the death of his wife and baby when his father arrives and asks him join the crusades in Jerusalem. Balian agrees, and embarks on the perilous journey. Upon reaching Jerusalem, a city where his meager beginnings no longer matter, Balian earns respect. (145 minutes)

Thursday

7 p.m. – Mindhunters – Starring Val Kilmer and LL Cool J. On a remote island, the FBI has a training program for their psychological profiling division, called "Mindhunters", used to track down serial killers. (106 minutes)

AT THE M1

House of Wax (R) – 12 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. (122 minutes)

Sin City (R) – 11:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (124 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of the Tempe Cinemaxx Web site at www.tepecinemaxx.com.tr. For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.